

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending.

We appreciate the indication that claims 1-6 are allowed.

Claims 7-9 stand rejected on grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patent over claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,512,837 and claim 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,332,031.

A terminal disclaimer over these patents is submitted herewith, without conceding the merits of these rejections.

An Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 are provided herewith. Consideration of the information listed therein is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 if any question arises.

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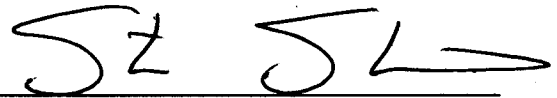
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